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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT TO ROMANIA

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN
SCINTEIA NEWSPAPER, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, APRIL 13,
1974:

U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDERICK DENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, RECEIVED
FREDERICK DENT, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
IN BUCHAREST.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE ION PATAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
OF THE GOVERNMENT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CORNELIU BOGDAN, ROMANIAN

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AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

HARRY G. BARNES, AMBASSADOR OF THE U.S.A. AT BUCHAREST
WAS ALSO PRESENT.

THE GUEST DELIVERED A FRIENDLY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
CEAULESCU FROM THE U.S. PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON.

THANKING HIM, PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAULESCU SENT HIS REGARDS
AS WELL AS HIS BEST WISHES TO THE PRESIDENT.

THE TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE COVERED A LARGE FIELD OF
PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE ACTUAL STAGE AND THE PERSPECTIVES
OF THE BI-LATERAL RELATIONS AND IT WAS NOTED WITH COMPLETE
SATISFACTION THAT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE IN THE
LAST FEW YEARS, INCREASED NOTABLY. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS NICOLAE CEAULESCU AND RICHARD
NIXON WAS POINTED OUT AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
AGREEMENTS FOR STRENGTHENING THE TWO COUNTRIES COOPERATION
IN DIVERSE AREAS.

SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN DURING THE MEETING TO THE
COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, ECONOMIC COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION
AND TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND THE
U.S.A. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS
RECENTLY CONCLUDED OFFER A SUITABLE ATMOSPHERE AND HIGH
PERSPECTIVES FOR ENLARGING THESE RELATIONS.

REGARDING THE WORKS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ROMANIAN-
AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION, WHICH IS BEING HELD AT BUCHAREST,
IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS SHOULD PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND TO
IDENTIFY NEW AND CONCRETE MEANS FOR A MORE SUSTAINED DEVELOP-
MENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WHICH WILL
LEAD TO THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN
RELATIONS.

IT WAS STATED THAT THE DECISION OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO
TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO FACILITATE THE INCREASE OF ECONOMIC
EXCHANGES ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, IS RECIPROCALLY ADVANTAGEOUS
AND IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES FOR COLLABORATION,
RELAXATION AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF WARM
CORDIALITY. END OF ARTICLE.

PLEASE USE THE TEXT OF ARTICLE FOR BASIS OF COMMERCE
PRESS RELEASE AND ADD THE FOLLOWING:

"SECRETARY DENT OBSERVED THAT THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT CEAULESCU FURTHER DEMONSTRATES THE INTERNATIONALIZATION
OF ECONOMIC TIES AND ACCENTS THE NEED FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS TO
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BUILD AND MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE STRENGTH.

"THE SECRETARY WAS MOST ENCOURAGED BY THE EXTREMELY FREE
AND FRANK ATMOSPHERE THAT PREVAILED AT THE MEETING AND
INDICATED HIS HIGH REGARD FOR THE OBVIOUS INTEREST OF THE
PRESIDENT IN COMMERCIAL MATTERS CONSIDERING THE MANY PROBLEMS
WHICH HE FACES ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS."

NOTE TO LITTIN: THE SECRETARY HAS CLEARED THE ABOVE QUOTES AND
FEELS THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MAJOR RELEASE ON HIS MEETING

WITH THE PRESIDENT. PLEASE RELEASE IMMEDIATELY.
BARNES

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